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Subject: **Request for Refund of IDS Fee in Application No. 10/728,879**

Applicant(s): LEE et al.

Application No.: 10/728,879

Filed: 12/08/2003

Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF
SEARCHING AND ORGANIZING
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
INFORMATION UTILIZING AN IP
THESAURUS

Attorney Docket No.: 113708.127US2

Group Art Unit: 2163

Examiner: DARNO, PATRICK A

Sirs,

Applicants request a refund to Deposit Account 50-1147 of the PTO fee of \$180 for the submission of Information Disclosure Statement which was charged to our Deposit Account 50-1147 on June 4, 2007 since the fee was not required for this application. The Information Disclosure Statement was filed on May 29, 2007 before a Final Office Action was mailed on May 31, 2007.

Copies of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement of May 29, 2007, Final Office Action of May 31 and our Deposit Account Statement of June 2007 are attached herewith.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,


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Office Action Summary

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10/728,879

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 March 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 14-23 and 26-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-23 and 26-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND ATTACHED FORM PTO 1449

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being submitted for consideration by the Examiner without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art, or without any admission that they contain subject matter that anticipates the invention or renders the invention obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Further, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), the undersigned hereby certifies that no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. Specifically, the listed references were cited in applicant's co-pending application Ser. No. 10/725,531, 10/229,273, and 10/891,478, in office actions mailed 26 March 2007, 9 March 2007, and 27 February 2007; 29 May 2007 is the next business day following 27 May 2007.

Although no fees are believed to be due at this time, it is respectfully requested that any such fees be charged to Deposit Account 50-1147. Also, the Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO Form-1449 and to return a copy of same to the undersigned attorney as proof that the listed references have been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted

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